GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:72
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Assistance to Differently Abled
Teacher Smt. P.K.Sreemathi

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to provide assistance to differently abled persons for purchase/fitting of aids and appliances and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the funds sanctioned by the Government under the said scheme for assistance to the differently abled persons during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
(c) the details of the assessment camps organised for the differently abled persons during the said period, State-wise;
(d) whether it is a fact that mobility and hearing aids to the needy persons identified through assessment camps could not be distributed during the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(e) the number of beneficiaries affected due to the delay in distribution of the mobility and hearing aids in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No,72 for 01.3.2016 asked by Shrimati P.K. Sreemathi Teacher regarding Assistance to Differently Abled

(a) Yes, Madam. The Ministry is implementing the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fittings of Aids/Appliances (ADIP). Under the Scheme, grants-in-aid are released to various implementing agencies (National Institutes/Composite Regional Centres/Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), District Disability Rehabilitation Centres/ State Handicapped Development Corporations/ Other Local Bodies / NGOs) to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances to promote physical, social, psychological rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential.

(b) Distribution of aids and assistive devices under the Scheme to Persons with Disabilities is a continuous process. Funds released during a particular Financial Year are required to be utilized by the end of the first quarter of next financial year, as per provisions of the Scheme. Holding of distribution camps also depend on various factors like availability of funds, co-ordination with District Authorities, imposition of Model Code of Conducts by Election Commission of India and weather conditions etc. In few cases where funds are not utilized within the prescribed period, funds are carried over to the next financial year. State-wise funds sanctioned and utilized under the Scheme during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) State-wise details of assessment camps organized during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) Yes. Prior to distribution of aids and assistive devices, assessment camps are organized to identify the number of needy Persons with Disabilities and requirement of aids and assistive devices which includes mobility and hearing aids. Holding of assessment camps and distribution of aids and assistive devices is a continuous process. The total number of beneficiaries to be distributed at present is 72,687 beneficiaries. Beneficiaries not covered during a particular year are provided aids and assistive devices during the subsequent year subject to availability of funds. During the current year about 1.70 Lakh beneficiaries have been distributed aids and assistive devices till 24.2.2016. State-wise details of number of beneficiaries affected due to the delay in distribution of aids and assistive devices is enclosed as Annexure-III.

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